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Dr. Jane E. Henney, Commissioner  
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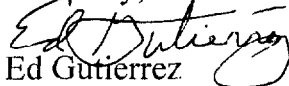
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Dear Commissioner Henney,

I am very concerned about the safety of the food I choose to eat. It is thus my right to know if the food I am eating has been genetically altered. Genetically altered foods pose unknown risks to the environment, to family farmers, and to the health of myself and my family.

In May, a lawsuit was filed challenging the F.D.A.'s policy to not require labels on transgenic foods. I am writing in support of this lawsuit and the demands for safety testing and complete, accurate and prominent labels. People who eat this food are not to be treated as guinea pigs in industrial experiments for "merchandising" with potentially dangerous concoctions. I expect the F.D.A. to live up to its mandate to protect public health and to protect the public with the needed information about the food we eat.

Sincerely,

  
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